



Daisy Use Resources Wisely Petal Activity Plan 1

Purpose: When girls have earned this petal, they'll know to use resources wisely.

Planning Guides Link: Science, Technology, Engineering and Math

Fun Patch Link: Recycling Rocks

Activity Plan Length: 1.5 hours

Resources

- This activity plan has been adapted from the Daisy *Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting*, Clover's Story: A Visit to the Busy, Buzzy Bees—Use Resources Wisely (Green Petal), which can be used for additional information and activities.
- Book suggestions for Activity #1: Story Time:
 - *The Lorax* by Dr. Seuss
 - *Michael Recycle* by Ellie Bethel
 - *The Great Kapok Tree* by Lynne Cherry

Activity #1: Story Time

Petal Connection: Use Resources Wisely (Green Petal) Time

Allotment: 15 minutes

Materials Needed:

- Book about using resources wisely

Steps:

1. Read a story about using resources wisely (or a book about what happens when you do not use resources wisely) aloud to the girls.
2. Discuss the story. Ask girls questions based on the story you read. Example questions:
 - What was the resource being used in the book?
 - Did the characters use resources wisely? What happened if they did/didn't use them wisely?
 - Why is it important to use resources wisely?
 - What was your favorite part of the story?

Activity #2: Recycling Challenge

Petal Connection: Use Resources Wisely (Green Petal) Time

Allotment: 15 minutes

Materials Needed:

- Various recyclable materials including: paper, plastic bottles, glass bottles, aluminum cans, etc.
- Small recycling bins or a recyclables sorter - Be sure to label your "bins" with words and pictures so the girls know which one is which.

Steps:

1. Explain to the girls that a great way to use resources wisely is to recycle items. When you put items in a recycling bin, they are broken down and used to make new items. While they are sometimes recycled into the same kind of item, they may be made into something completely different.
2. Tell the girls that your meeting space has been “polluted” and it’s up to the girls to clean it up. Split the girls into two teams and line up on opposite sides of the room.
3. The teams will compete in a relay race to clean the meeting space. To start, a girl from each team will go pick up one piece of trash and put it in the correct recycling bin. She will then go back to her team and the next girl will go until all the trash is cleaned up.
4. After all the items are picked up, go through all the types of recyclables and make sure they are in the correct container. If they aren’t, have the girls decide as a group where they should go.

Activity #3: Snack Chat

Petal Connection: Questions link to petal theme Time

Allotment: 15 minutes

While enjoying snack, here are some things for girls to talk about.

- In the story we read, we learned about a natural resource that we conserve. Can you think of other resources we use? How can we use less of them?
- Does anyone know of an item that can’t be recycled and has to go in the trash? Can you think of a way to re-use it rather than throwing it away?
- Does everyone have a recycling bin at home?

Activity #4: Promise Pals

Petal Connection: Use Resources Wisely (Green Petal) Time

Allotment: 10 minutes

Steps:

1. Split girls into small groups of two to four girls.
2. Have each girl share with her group one thing that she is going to do at home or at school use resources wisely, such as:
 - Recycle items rather than throwing them away
 - Make a craft or gift out of clean “garbage”
 - Use less of a natural resource, like wood, energy or water
2. Have each girl make a promise to the other girls in her group identifying how she will use resources wisely. The girls in the group are now Promise Pals.
3. If possible, have the small groups check in with one another at another troop meeting to make sure they kept their promises.

Activity #5: Meeting Clover

Petal Connection: Use Resources Wisely (Green Petal) Time

Allotment: 10 minutes

Materials Needed:

- Clover coloring sheets (1 per girl)
- Coloring utensils

Steps:

1. Have girls color their Clover coloring sheets.
2. Girls can write (or have an adult help them write) what they promised to do from Activity #4. This coloring sheet will serve as a reminder of the girl's promise.

More to Explore

- Field Trip Ideas:
 - Visit your local recycling center.
 - Visit a local or state park and talk to the rangers or Parks and Recreation staff about how they use resources wisely.
- Speaker Ideas
 - Invite a forester to talk about taking care of trees, water and other natural resources.
 - Invite someone who was alive during the Great Depression or World War II to talk about why and how they had to conserve resources during that time.

Customize It!: If your group wants to expand work on this petal or simply try different activities, go for it! There are many ways to earn this award, including: Completing the activities as listed in the *Daisy Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting*, completing this activity plan, attending a council-sponsored event or customizing activities. Pick the one(s) that work best for your group. Girls will know they have earned the award if:

- They can name some natural resources
- They can name ways to conserve natural resources

Family Follow-Up Email

Use the email below as a template to let families know what girls did at the meeting today. Feel free to add additional information, including:

- When and where you will be meeting next
- What activities you will do at the next meeting
- Family help or assistance that is needed
- Supplies or materials that girls will need to bring to the next meeting
- Reminders about important dates and upcoming activities

Hello Girl Scout Families:

We had a wonderful time today learning about using resources wisely and have earned the Green Petal.

We had fun:

- Reading a story about natural resources and why we should use them responsibly
- Playing a game to learn what materials we can recycle
- Making a promise to do something to use resources wisely

Continue the fun at home:

- Ask your Girl Scout what she promised to do to use resources wisely. Help her to keep her promise.
- Come up with a fun craft project to make together with "trash" items found around your house.
- Read "Clover's Story: A Visit to the Busy Buzzy Bees" in the *Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting* with your Daisy.

Thank you for bringing your Daisy to Girl Scouts!

This activity plan was adapted from Girl Scouts River Valleys.



I'm Clover. I use resources wisely!